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Kenneth S. Fleck, Manager Geology and Environmental Affairs
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Subject: Mine Closure Plans for Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018

Dear Mr. Fleck:

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining is informed that Energy West Mining Company has submitted proposals to MSHA to modify the Deer Creek mine closure plan as contained in the approved MRP. The proposal to construct additional bulkheads within the mine is a change to the current mine closure plan. Changes from the current MRP must be approved by the Division prior to commencement of any work. Accordingly, all of the permitting requirements in Utah Administrative Code R645-301 that are potentially affected by the addition of the bulkheads and other changes associated with modifications to the mine closure plan will need to be addressed in an application for permit change submitted as required, and approved by the Division before work can proceed.

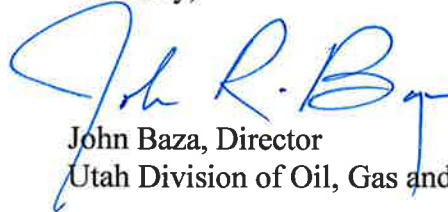
Due to the potential for post-mining gravity discharge from the mine, and the possible consequences of efforts to preclude such discharge, the revised MRP must include a revised Probable Hydrologic Consequence (PHC) determination and findings (R645-301-728). In addition, the application must also address the requirements related to Final Abandonment of Mining Openings (R645-301-542.700), Casing and Sealing of Underground Openings (R645-301-551), Hydrologic Balance Protection (R645-301-731), Gravity Discharges from Underground Coal Mining and Reclamation Activities (R645-301-731.520) and all other provisions of the hydrology rules, and other parts of the approved permit that this change may affect.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements of this notice, please contact me at (801) 538-5334, or Daron Haddock, at (801) 538-5325.

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Thank you for your cooperation in helping us address this permitting action.

Sincerely,



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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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